

Punishment

any period of her pregnancy, or shall knowingly sell, or cause to be sold, any medicine, or who shall knowingly use or cause to be used any means whatsoever for that purpose, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than three years, or by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or by both, in the discretion of the court; and, in case of fine being imposed, one-half thereof shall be paid to the State of Maryland, and one half to the school fund of the city or county where the offence was committed; *provided*, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prohibit the supervision and management by a regular practitioner of medicine of all cases of abortion occurring spontaneously, either as the result of accident, constitutional debility, or any other natural cause, or the production of abortion by a regular practitioner of medicine, when, after consulting with one or more respectable physicians, he shall be satisfied that the *fœtus* is dead, or that no other method will secure the safety of the mother

Regular practitioners

Id s 3
Duty of judges

17. It shall be the duty of the judges of the several Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, to give this act in charge of the grand jury of their respective courts at each term of said courts.

ABDUCTION OF FEMALES AND CHILDREN.

1876, c 324
Penalty for abduction of female under eighteen years of age.

18. Any person or persons who shall, for purposes of prostitution, forcibly abduct from her home or usual place of abode, or from the custody and control of her parent or parents, or guardian, any female under the age of eighteen years, or be accessory thereto, or who shall, for said purposes, persuade or entice from her usual place of abode, or from the custody and control of her parent or parents, or guardian, any such female, or be accessory thereto, or shall knowingly secrete or harbor any such female so abducted, persuaded, or enticed as aforesaid, against the consent of her parent or parents, or guardian, or the person or persons who may have the temporary care, custody, or control of such female, or be accessory thereto, shall upon conviction be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall undergo imprisonment in the penitentiary, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding a term of eight years.

Id s 2
Penalty for abduction of child under twelve years of age.

19. Any person or persons who shall, without the color of right, forcibly abduct, take, or carry away any child under the age of twelve years, from the home, or usual place of abode of such child, or from the custody and control of the parent or parents, or lawful guardian or guardians of such child, or be accessory thereto, or who shall, without such color of right, and against the consent of the parent or parents, or lawful guardian or guardians of such child, persuade or entice from the usual place of abode or house of such child, or from the custody and control of the parent or parents, or guardian or guardians of such child, or be accessory thereto, or who